

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 595

By Watson

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Girls Preparatory School tennis, track, and softball teams upon capturing their respective state championships.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those exemplary athletes and athletic teams who have attained the ultimate laurel in sporting competition, namely a championship title; and

WHEREAS, the tennis, track, and softball teams of the Girls Preparatory School in Chattanooga are three such teams, each of which recently captured the Tennessee Secondary Schools' Athletic Association's Division II State Championship at the 2007 Spring Fling in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, each of these teams represented Girls Preparatory School (GPS) with the utmost in acumen, ability, and aplomb, and the caliber of talent and depth of determination possessed by each and every member of the three teams made possible GPS's sweep of the Spring Fling; and

WHEREAS, the GPS tennis team, ably guided by Head Coach Sue Bartlett and Assistant Coach Jessica Fischer, captured its second consecutive state title on May 23, 2007, after defeating the Baylor squad 4-0; and

WHEREAS, the GPS track team, helmed by Head Coach Jeff Gaither, was crowned with its third consecutive title on May 24, 2007; the Bruisers dominated the competition, winning all three relays on their way to winning with an impressive score of 145.50, a full forty-point margin of victory over their closest competitors, the team from Harpeth Hall; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Susan Crownover, aided by Assistant Coach Kim Leffew, led the GPS softball team to its fourth state championship title in nine years, capturing the crown in impressive fashion; possessed of an overpowering offense and a stifling defense, the Bruisers,

who scored forty-five runs against their tournament opponents while only allowing the opposition to cross home plate three times, defeated Pope John Paul II in five innings by the score of 14-0 on May 25, 2007; and

WHEREAS, though competing in different sports, the members of the GPS tennis, track, and softball teams share an uncommon devotion to excellence, an unwavering commitment to excellence, and the determined hearts of champions, and they are surely worthy of recognition by the members of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate the Girls Preparatory School tennis, track, and softball teams upon their recent captures of the state championship titles in their respective arenas of competition, applaud their commitment to excellence, and extend to them our sincerest wishes for their continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.